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AND CONTROL IN TRANSPORT SECTOR

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. TRANSPORT LEGISLATION INTRODUCED
JANUARY 27 CONTAINS LANGUAGE USG QUESTIONED IN
OCTOBER NOTE. NO REPLY TO NOTE YET RECEIVED. END
SUMMARY.

2. TRANSPORT MINISTER LANG ON JANUARY 27 INTRODUCED
BILL C-33 INTER ALIA TO AMEND 1967 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION
ACT AND OTHER LEGISLATION. TEXT CONTAINS LANGUAGE
SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH USG QUESTIONED IN OCTOBER 21 NOTE.
NO REPLY TO THIS NOTE HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED IN SPITE
OF SEVERAL INFORMAL FOLLOW UP INQUIRIES AT EXTAFF. MOST
RECENT INQUIRY TO SHARPE (DIRECTOR, USA DIV.) WAS ON
JANUARY 13 AND ELICITED ONLY SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT
QUESTION AS "UNDER ACTIVE DISCUSSION" AMONG GOC AGENCIES.
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SHARPE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, WE MIGHT EXPECT REPLY IN
NEAR FUTURE.

3. RELEVANT SECTIONS OF BILL C-33 READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. 3.(1) IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT THE OBJECTIVE
OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY FOR CANADA IS TO ACHIEVE

A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS THAT

(A) IS EFFICIENT,

(B) IS AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES, AND

(C) PROVIDES ACCESSIBILITY AND EQUITY OF TREATMENT
FOR USERS,

AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE
OBJECTIVE OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY FOR CANADA
REQUIRES THE INTEGRATION OF SERVICES EMPLOYING THE MOST
APPROPRIATE MODES FOR EACH SERVICE AND THAT IT IS THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO ATTEND TO THE PROVISION OF
THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

3.(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE OF
THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (1)
AND HAVING DUE REGARD TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND OBJECTIVES
OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND TO LEGAL AND
CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS, THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES
APPLY:

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(E) IN THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THERE
SHOULD BE OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH PUBLIC OWNERSHIP
AND PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF CARRIERS AND ALSO FOR
NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL CARRIERS WITH
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CANADIAN CONTROL OF PRIVATELY OWNED CARRIERS BEING
AN OBJECTIVE; UNQUOTE.

4. COPY OF BILL C-33 AND OF ACCOMPANYING PRESS
STATEMENT FROM TRANSPORT CANADA BEING FORWARDED TO
EUR/CAN (BLAKEMORE). FULL TEXT WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY
FORTHCOMING AIRGRAM DEALING WITH LEGISLATION AS A
WHOLE WHICH CONTAINS WIDE RANGING STATEMENTS OF
TRANSPORT POLICY OBJECTIVES, WOULD REORGANIZE
RELATIONSHIP OF TRANSPORT MINISTER TO CANADIAN
TRANSPORT COMMISSION, AND DEALS WITH RAILROAD
FREIGHT RATE QUESTIONS.
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